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ARMSTRONG

TAMPA

47	Final	1	2	T	60
	ARMSTRONG (3-3, 0-0 PBC)	17	30	47	
	TAMPA (4-1, 0-0 SSC)	35	25	60	





Posted: Nov 29, 2013

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** - The University of Tampa men's basketball squad built a 19-point first-half lead and held on for a 60-47 non-conference victory over Armstrong Atlantic State University on Friday evening at the Eckerd College Thanksgiving Classic in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Spartans moved to 4-1 on the young season with the win, while Armstrong fell to 3-3 after suffering its second straight loss against an opponent from the Sunshine State Conference. The 47 points scored were the fewest by the Pirates since a 70-46 loss at Columbus State on January 12, 2012.

Tampa built a 35-17 halftime lead against the Pirates as Armstrong shot just 21.4 percent from the floor in the first half, making 6-of-28 shots. The Spartans made 50 percent of their shots in the second half, hitting 15-of-30 shots from the floor.

Armstrong was able to cut the lead to 10 points, 40-30, on an Emmanuel Tiluscar pull-up jumper with 5:09 remaining, but

GAME LEADERS		
ARMSTRONG		
Pts: Eric Eversley - 11		
Reb: Eric Eversley - 10		
Ast: 3 Players (#11, #23, #24) - 1		
TAMPA		
Pts: Da'Markco Foster - 23		
Reb: 3 Players (#30, #35, #TM) - 5		
Ast: Jordan Davis - 6		
TEAM STATS		
ARMSTRONG		TAMPA
(13-53)	Field Goals	(21-48)
24.5%	Field Goal %	43.8%



Da'Marcko Foster's three-point play put the Spartans back up by 13 on the next possession and Tampa would be able to close out the victory.

The Pirates finished the game hitting just 13-of-53 shots from the floor for 24.5 percent, while Tampa ended the day hitting 21-of-48 shots from the floor for 43.8 percent.

Senior **Eric Eversley** led the Pirates on the evening with a double-double of 11 points and 10 rebounds, while senior **Hichem Benayad-Cherif** chipped in eight points and seven rebounds.

Foster led the Spartans with a game-high 23 points on 8-of-13 shooting from the floor as well as 5-of-6 from the free throw line. Jordan Davis added 13 points, while Vincent Cornu hit 6-of-9 shots from the floor for 12 points.

Armstrong wraps up action in the Eckerd College Thanksgiving Classic on Saturday, taking on host Eckerd at 7:30 p.m.



46	Rebounds	29
3	Assists	9
16	Turnovers	10
6	Pts off Turnovers	19
25	2nd Chance Pts	3
20	Pts in the Paint	30
0	Fastbreak Pts	6
21	Bench Pts	10

FULL STATS

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